

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1086, Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 3370, Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act.

Senate passed S. 2137, National Flood Insurance Program Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1597–S1670

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2125–2148, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 383–392.

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Measures Passed:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act:
By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate passed S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1602, S1611–12, S1613–27

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 75), Coburn Modified Amendment No. 2830, to establish a \$1,000,000 asset limit for eligibility for child care assistance.

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Harkin (for Portman) Amendment No. 2827, to provide for evidence-based training that promotes early language and literacy development.

Pages S1609, S1611

Harkin (for Tester/Murkowski) Amendment No. 2834, to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive the prohibition on the use of amounts by Indian tribes and tribal organizations for construction or renovation of facilities for child care programs if the use will result in an increase of the level of child care services.

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Harkin (for Thune) Amendment No. 2838, to specify that child care certificates may be included in State strategies to increase the supply of child care.

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Harkin (for Warren) Amendment No. 2842, to allow funds reserved under section 658G(a) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to be used to connect child care staff members with Federal and State financial aid, or other resources, in order to assist the staff members in pursuing relevant training.

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Harkin (for Bennet/Murkowski) Modified Amendment No. 2839, to expand the requirement that space allotted to child care providers in Federal buildings will be used to provide child care services to children of whom at least 50 percent have 1 parent or guardian employed by the Federal Government.

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Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2845, to require the Secretary (acting through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families) to prepare an annual report that contains a determination about whether States have complied with a priority requirement, and to require the Secretary to withhold funds from States that fail to comply with such priority requirement.

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Harkin (for Portman) Amendment No. 2847, to provide that a child care staff member who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor against a child or a misdemeanor involving child pornography is ineligible for employment by certain child care providers.

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Harkin (for Sanders) Amendment No. 2846, to express the sense of the Senate on significantly reducing child poverty by calendar year 2019.

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Withdrawn:

Harkin Amendment No. 2811, to include rural and remote areas as underserved areas identified in the State plan.

Pages S1602, S1617

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act:
By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 78), Senate passed

H.R. 3370, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, pass.) **Pages S1627–32**

National Flood Insurance Program Act: Senate passed S. 2137, to ensure that holders of flood insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program do not receive premium refunds for coverage of second homes. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

Pages S1629, S1632

Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1456, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2851, to make a technical correction.

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Congressional Gold Medal to Montford Point Marines: Senate passed S. 2147, to amend Public Law 112–59 to provide for the display of the congressional gold medal awarded to the Montford Point Marines, United States Marine Corps, by the Smithsonian Institution and at other appropriate locations.

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HHEATT Act: Senate passed H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States.

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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2650, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and the bill was then passed.

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Crisis in the Central African Republic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 375, concerning the crisis in the Central African Republic and supporting United States and international efforts to end the violence, protect civilians, and address root causes of the conflict, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the amendment to the preamble.

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International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 2852, to strike the quotation from the United States Agency

for International Development regarding educated women.

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193rd Anniversary of the Independence of Greece: Senate agreed to S. Res. 377, recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

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National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, designating March 22, 2014, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day".

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National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, designating the week of March 9, 2014, through March 15, 2014, as "National Youth Synthetic Drug Awareness Week".

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World Plumbing Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day".

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Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 391, designating Jean M. Manning as Chief Counsel for Employment Emeritus of the United States Senate.

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Authorize Document Production and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, to authorize document production and representation in *Care One Management LLC, et al. v. United Healthcare Workers East, SEIU 1199, et al.*

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Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370.

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Measures Considered:

Sovereignty and Democracy in Ukraine Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 13, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, March 13, 2014 through Monday, March 24, 2014, Senators King, Reed, Rockefeller, and Casey be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, March 14, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, March 21, 2014 until 2 p.m., on Monday, March 24, 2014.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (Treaty Doc. 112–4) (Ex. Rept. 113–1);

Report to accompany Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–1) (Ex. Rept. 113–2);

Report to accompany Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 113–2) (Ex. Rept. 113–3); and

Report to accompany Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Treaty Doc. 113–3) (Ex. Rept. 113–4).

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Cooper Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine.

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Harpool Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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McHugh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

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Smith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

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Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

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Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

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By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 76), Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General

of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service. **Pages S1632–33, S1670**

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. deGravelles, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Ronald Lee Miller, of Kansas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S1670**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—78) **Pages S1610, S1613, S1617, S1630**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, Commander, United States Northern Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General John F. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member and Vice Chairman, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member, all of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. AVIATION INDUSTRY AND JOBS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the United

States aviation industry and jobs, focusing on keeping American manufacturing competitive, after receiving testimony from Dennis Muilenburg, Boeing, Seattle, Washington; Marion C. Blakey, Aerospace Industries Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and Nicholas E. Calio, Airlines for America, and Edward Wytkind, AFL–CIO Transportation Trades Department, both of Washington, D.C.

IDEAS TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE MIDDLE CLASS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovative ideas to strengthen and expand the middle class, after receiving testimony from George Packer, *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America*, New York, New York; William C. Dunkelberg, National Federation of Independent Business, and Leonard E. Burman, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Diane C. Swonk, Mesirow Financial, Chicago, Illinois; and Lawrence Lindsey, The Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

KEYSTONE XL AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST DETERMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Keystone XL and the National Interest Determination, after receiving testimony from Karen A. Harbert, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy, and General James L. Jones, USMC (ret.), Jones Group International, both of Washington, D.C.; James Hansen, Columbia University Earth Institute Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions Program, New York, New York; and Michael Brune, Sierra Club, San Francisco, California.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology.

FEMA BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Co-

lumbia concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

FDA INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's initiatives and priorities, focusing on protecting the public health, after receiving testimony from Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on pathways to infrastructure and economic development in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert W. Sparrow, Director, Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Dana Buckles, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; Wes Martel, and John Smith, both of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes, Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on behalf of the Joint Business Council; and Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began consideration of the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, but did not complete action thereon, and will met again on Thursday, March 27, 2014.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 4225–4250; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 93; and H. Res. 517–519 were introduced. **Pages H2432–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2434–35**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1786, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–380, Pt. 1). **Page H2432**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2363**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2370**

Providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 32, to provide for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2374**

Oath of Office—Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida: Representative-elect David W. Jolly presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Gary J. Holland, Assistant Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State of Florida, indicating that, according to the preliminary returns of the Special Election held March 11, 2014, the Honorable David W. Jolly was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of Florida. **Pages H2384, H2431**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Jolly, the whole number of the House is 432. **Pages H2384–85**

Water Rights Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3189, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the

Interior and Agriculture, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 132. **Pages H2374–83, H2385–H2408**

Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 131. **Pages H2406–07**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2395**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.”. **Page H2408**

Agreed to:

Tipton manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that makes several clarifying technical changes to the bill, and clarifies that the Act will have no effect on Bureau of Reclamation contracts, implementation of the Endangered Species Act, certain existing Federal reserved water rights, and certain authorities under the Federal Power Act and **Pages H2396–97**

Mullin amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that ensures that the Federal government cannot make Native American tribes apply for or acquire water rights under state law or the Federal government rather than acquiring the rights for themselves. Prohibits the Federal government from using permits, approvals, and other land management agreements to take the water rights of Native American tribes without just compensation. Ensures that nothing in the Act limits or expands the reserved water rights or treaty rights of Federally recognized Native American tribes. **Pages H2397–98**

Rejected:

Polis amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–379) that sought to mandate that the U.S. Forest Service may not condition ski area permits on the transfer of title of any water right or require any ski area permittee to acquire a water right in the name of the United States (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 130). **Pages H2398–H2401, H2405–06**

H. Res. 515, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3189) and (H.R. 4015), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 126, after the previous question was

ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2383, H2385**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3370. **Page H2401**

Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 3973, to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code, by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 129. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 12th. **Pages H2401–05**

Rejected the Lujan Grisham (NM) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 128. **Page H2404**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–378) that was debated on March 12th that sought to waive reporting requirements provided in the bill if sufficient funds are not available to generate the increased volume of reports (by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 127). **Page H2402**

H. Res. 511, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4138) and (H.R. 3973), was agreed to yesterday, March 12th.

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Kildee announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H2408–10**

Privileged Resolution: Representative Kildee rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Cantor motion to table H. Res. 517, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 173 noes with 10 answering “present”, Roll No. 133. **Pages H2408–10**

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representative Rooney. **Page H2410**

Senate Messages: A message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H2374, H2410–11.

Senate Referrals: S. 611 was held at the desk; S. 2137 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. **Pages H2374, H2410–11, H2431**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2383, H2385, H2402, H2404, H2404–05, H2405–06, H2407, H2407–08 and H2409–10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup to consider Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2015; H.R. 935, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013”; and H. Con. Res. 86, Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension Service. The Committee approved the Budget Views and Estimates letter; and H.R. 935 and H. Con. Res. 86 were ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Undersecretary of Defense, Comptroller.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Daniel Ragsdale, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Peter Edge, Deputy Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Thomas Homan, Executive Associate Director Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recent Developments in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from General Joseph Dunford, USMC, Commander, International Security and Assistance Force.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AND THE POSTURE OF U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Special Operations Command and the Posture of U.S. Special Operations Forces. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Admiral William McRaven, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 3633, the “Protecting Health Care Providers from Increased Administrative Burdens Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING THE PROMISE: ALLOWING SENIORS TO KEEP THEIR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS IF THEY LIKE THEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Promise: Allowing Seniors to Keep Their Medicare Advantage Plans If They Like Them”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Ross; Paulsen; Denham; Walorski; and Rothfus; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING SPORTS SAFETY: A MULTIFACETED APPROACH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Improving Sports Safety: A Multifaceted Approach”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cleland, Assistant Director, Advertising Practices, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3623, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 4164, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 4167, the “Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 2672, the “CFPB Rural Designation Petition and Correction Act”; H.R. 3584, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2013”; and Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s FY 2015 Budget Submission.

ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS ABROAD: THE FY 2015 FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests Abroad: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2015 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 512 OF TITLE 17

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing on Section 512 of Title 17. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1192, to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Frémont”; H.R. 1501, the “Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument Preservation Act; H.R. 3222, the “Flushing Remonstrance Study Act; H.R. 3366, to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land

Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agriculture Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; and H.R. 4032, the “North Texas Invasive Species Barrier Act of 2014”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1192; and H.R. 4032. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1501; H.R. 3222; and H.R. 3366.

STATUS OF U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Status of U.S. Foreign Assistance to Afghanistan in Anticipation of the U.S. Troop Withdrawal”. Testimony was heard from Donald Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Charles M. Johnson, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

AT A CROSSROADS: THE POSTAL SERVICE’S \$100 BILLION IN UNFUNDED LIABILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “At a Crossroads: the Postal Service’s \$100 Billion in Unfunded Liabilities”. Testimony was heard from Frank Todisco, Chief Actuary, Government Accountability Office; Jeffrey Williamson, Chief Human Resources Officer and Executive Vice President, U.S. Postal Service; Robert Moss, Chief, Budget and Resource Management, Defense Health Agency; and Joel Sitrin, Chief Actuary, Office of the Actuary, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a markup on H.R. 4186, the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology Act of 2014”. H.R. 4186 was ordered reported, as amended, to the full committee.

MADE IN THE U.S.A.: SMALL BUSINESS AND A NEW DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING RENAISSANCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Made in the U.S.A.: Small Business and a New Domestic Manufacturing Renaissance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H.R. 3678, to redesignate the lock and dam located in Modoc, Illinois, commonly known as the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam, as the “Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam”, and for other purposes; H.R. 3786, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; H.R. 3998, the “Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act of 2014”; H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions. H.R. 3786 and H.R. 3998 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3678; H. Con. Res. 88 and H. Con. Res. 92 were ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions were approved. The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Views and Estimates were approved.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015”. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities; and meeting on Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s Budget for FY 2015; and member access requests. The Views and Estimates letter on the President’s Budget for FY 2015 was adopted; and three member access requests were approved. A portion of this hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Economic Report of the President 2014, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 14, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2015 Department of Agriculture Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. Central Command and ISAF Oversight Hearing, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee continued markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3623, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 4164, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 4167, the “Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 2672, the “CFPB Rural Designation Petition and Correction Act”; H.R. 3584, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2013”; and Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s FY 2015 Budget Submission, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Promise of the Taiwan Relations Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on discussion draft of “The Alaska Native Subsistence Co-Management Demonstration Act of 2014”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Friday, March 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 4015—SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule).

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